

Normal air operations were limited, since for various reasons Bomber Command was unable to agree to aircraft based at Tempsford operating to Holland during the non-moon period, and 38 Group was available only to a very limited extent owing to Airborne commitments. Nevertheless it was expected that 30 sorties per week would be carried out to Holland.

Arrangements had been made for two tons of stores a day to be sent to Army Maintenance depots at Brussels, commencing on September 23rd, 1944. By this means Dutch resistance groups, when overrun, could be supplied from these forward dumps and would then be able to assist the Army in guarding its flanks or its lines of communications. It was hoped to increase the rate of supply of these arms.

Even if unlimited aircraft were available to supply Resistance in Holland these could not be used owing to limitations of reception. In the whole of Holland reception would limit operations to some 80 sorties per week, of which, in the area of Rotterdam, sorties would be limited to 16 per week. Thus, were the aircraft available, it would still be impossible to send sufficient arms to Dutch resistance to enable it to prevent the catastrophical destruction prepared by the enemy, either in Rotterdam or in the remainder of Holland.

Weekly reports for the period July - September give the following record of stores deliveries to the Field:-

July	- nil.
August	- nil.
Weeks ending -	
September 4th.	- 36 containers, 7 packages.
September 12th.	- 60 containers, 8 packages.
September 18th.	- 42 containers, 3 packages (3).
September 25th.	- 213 containers, 7 packages.

RETURNED FRENCH AGENT IDENTIFIES DUTCH PRISONERS IN SILESIAN CAMP.

CAPTAIN ROUSSET, a French agent who had been confined in a prison camp at Rawicz, in Silesia, from April 19th to May 12th, 1944, was interviewed in London by CAPTAIN MILLS of the Dutch Country Section on September 12th, 1944. (4) During the time he was in the camp, CAPTAIN ROUSSET saw at least 50 Dutchmen who were imprisoned there together with French, British and Polish agents.

Although imprisonment involved almost solitary confinement, there were occasions when prisoners were marched round a square for 15 minutes' exercise and ROUSSET, apart from recognising several Dutchmen whom he had met at training schools here, was able to identify several more from photographs shown to him by MILLS.

Conditions in the camp, which was an old penitentiary building, were very bad. For some reason the Dutch were treated better than the others, whilst, as usual, the Poles were treated worst. The Dutch seemed to be in reasonably good spirits, though naturally ROUSSET never had any opportunity of conversing with them freely.

(3) 18 containers and 2 packages were later reported by Rummy to have fallen into German hands.

(4) N/KU/1083 of 6.10.44.

It is of interest to note that all prisoners were dressed alike, irrespective of nationality or rank. Their dress was blue, consisting of a sort of blouse and trousers, vaguely similar to a battle dress. On the right arm there was a large 'I' while on the back of the blouse was shown the prisoner's number.

Prisoners were told that, so far as status was concerned, they could expect to be treated as prisoners of war, but ROUSSET very much doubted whether this convention would be observed.

From the photographs shown him - which covered all S.O.E.'s Dutch agents, apart from those too recently sent to be of any possible interest - ROUSSET identified the following as being at this camp:-

<u>Real Name</u>	<u>Training Name</u>	<u>Code Name.</u>
JONGELLIE, R.C.	JANSMA	(PARSLEY)
BOOGAARD, P.C.	BLEEKER	(KOHIRABI)
VAN OS, G.	v. OOSTEROM	(BROADBEAN)
MINK, A.B.	MERTENS	(POLO)
GRUN, J.	GOOR	(RUGGER)
BUIZER, J.J.C.	BROUWER	(SPINACH)
JAMBROES, G.L.	JURGENS	(MARROW)
BAKKERS, J.	BOOGAERT	(MARROW W/T)
ROUWERD, F.W.	ROELEVELD	(NETBALL)
ARENDSE, P.A.	ARKEMA	(SEAKALE)
v.d. WILDEN, W.	v.d. WESTERN, W.	(GOLF)
KIST, J.G.	KARELS	(HOCKEY)
ANDRINGA, L.	AKKERMAN	(TURNIP)
v.d. WILDEN, P.	WOUTERS	(TENNIS)
RUSELER, G.L.	RUTGERS	(BROCCOLI)
MACARE, H.M.	MEBBINS	(CELERY C)
HOFSTEDE, J.	HOOGLAND	(TOMATO B)
KOOLSTRA, M.	KOLFF	(CELERY A)
DANE, J.C.	DOUMA	(CUCUMBER A)
PAIS, M.	POST	(PUMPKIN)
KAMPHORST, P.	KERKHOF	(TOMATO A)
STEEKSMA, H.R.	SEVENSTER	(CELERY B)
BEUKEMA THOE	BEEKMAN	
WATER, K.W.A.		(KALE)
DROOGLEVER	FELDERS	
FORTUYN, C.		(MANGOLD)
LAUWERS, H.M.G.	LAUWERS	(CATARRH W/T)
v. STEEN, A.	v. SITTARD	(BEETROOT)

II - RESISTANCE GROUPS

CRICKET - GERMAN OPERATED

London reminded CRICKET (5) that his contact address was still awaited. As a special exception would he have any objection to seeing a Russian officer who was serving with the German forces? London believed him to be trustworthy but CRICKET would have to take extra precautions in case of trickery by the Gestapo. The Russian would give the password "Baku" and CRICKET would reply "Birmingham". The Russian would explain everything.